



Animal Care Services is dedicated to making San Antonio a city in which every animal receives responsible care.

Paws to Consider

January 2009

New Year....New law!

As of January 1, 2009, there's a new animal permit aimed at providing an incentive for residents to sterilize their pets. Given the community's animal overpopulation issue, it's important for residents to understand the importance of sterilizing their companion animals. While Animal Care Services *strongly* encourages pet owners to embrace spay/neuter, pet sterilization is NOT mandatory in the City of San Antonio. Pet owners who

do choose to keep their pets intact will need to purchase an intact dog permit. The annual permit costs \$50 and applies to *any* owner or keeper of a dog in the City of San Antonio that is not spayed or neutered. Dogs less than six months old are exempt from the permit as are animals that qualify for certified medical exceptions from a licensed veterinarian. The new law also does not apply to temporary or new residents. The new permit was approved during the 2007 revision of the City's Chapter 5 animal care ordinance. You can find details

about the Intact Dog permit at the Animal Care website: www.saacs.net and permit applications can be found online as well. Non-compliance with City ordinance can result in citations, hefty fines and mandatory court appearances. Interested in getting your pet sterilized but not sure you can afford it? ACS offers weekly low cost spay/neuter clinics. Residents can call Animal Care Services at 207-4PET for more information on upcoming clinics and to make reservations. More than 26 thousand animals were euthanized at ACS in FY2008-many of them unwanted dogs or abandoned litters of newborn puppies. Be a part of the fix--spay or neuter your pets!



Events, Events, Events!

Saturday, January 3rd

AAPAW Super 1st Saturdays-ACS Adoptions
ACS shelter
4710 State Highway › 151
11am-5pm

Saturday, January 10th- 2 events--1 day!

Paws for Smiles-ACS Adoptions, Mascots
The Smile Center
529 SW Military
10am-2pm

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803 Castroville Road
10am-2pm

Saturday, January 31st

Houston Street Fair- ACS adoptions
Houston street near the Alamo
Noon-6pm



Need to get your dog or cat sterilized? Give us a call at Animal Care Services! We hold weekly LOW COST spay/neuter clinics! Make an appointment for your pet today-- 207-4PET.

The ACS Adoption Center is open 5 days a week!
Tuesday through Friday--11am-7pm and Saturdays-- 11am-5pm

Pets and the cold



The chilly season is here and it's time to protect your pets from the cold, wet weather San Antonio winters often bring. The best way to protect your pets during the winter? Bring them inside! Pets (especially

cats) are safer indoors. Can't have your pet inside the house? Purchase a sturdy dog house or build an enclosure to provide your outdoor pets a safe, warm place to rest. Certain pets are more vulnerable to cold temperatures than others. Shorthaired dogs, very young or old dogs and all cats should not be left outside during winter months. Shorthaired dogs may benefit from a sweater while outside. Pets who spend much of their day outdoors will need some extra food in their bowls throughout the winter months. That's because they use up more energy trying to stay warm. Make sure your pet is getting daily exercise if they're prone to weight gain.

Always provide fresh, clean water, regardless of the season. Check water daily and clean bowls regularly to prevent algae growth. Be mindful of your pets while winterizing your car. Antifreeze is a deadly poison to pets (and children) who can be attracted to its sweet taste. Store all chemicals out of reach of your pets; especially if you're going to bring them into the garage on cold nights. Before you get in to warm up the car, bang on the hood a time or two. A warm engine can be a welcome spot for a cold cat and the noise should scare them away before you start the engine. The City of San Antonio has laws that protect pets from neglect *including* exposure to harsh weather conditions. Report possible animal ordinance violations by calling 3-1-1, 24 hours a day.



Have you heard?

Animal Care Services has more than just dogs and cats up for adoption! Looking for a pet rabbit, perhaps a guinea pig or bird? ACS has many kinds of pets up for adoption...all in need of loving homes. Small animal adoption fees are \$10 to \$15.



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